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SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF IMPORT DUTIES ON SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL
AND EQUIPMENT

1. THE GOM AUTHORIZED ON JANUARY 22 THE ELIMINATION OF ALL
IMPORT DUTIES ON SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. THIS
DECISION RESULTED FROM NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED OUT OVER THE
PAST YEAR BETWEEN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, REPRESENTED BY
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CONACYT)
AND THE MINISTRIES OF TREASURY AND OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

2. IMPORT PERMITS WILL STILL BE REQUIRED BUT, ACCORDING TO
CONACYT DIRECTOR GERARDO BUENO, THERE WILL BE "OPEN PERMITS"
FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT AND, IN URGENT
CASES, PERMITS MAY BE PROCESSED AFTER THE IMPORTATION OF THE
EQUIPMENT. THE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER EQUIPMENT IS TO
BE CONSIDERED SCIENTIFIC AND THEREFORE EXEMPT FROM DUTY IS
TO BE MADE BY CONACYT AND WILL BE BASED IN PART ON WHETHER
THE EQUIPMENT IS DESTINED FOR ACADEMIC OR SCIENTIFIC ACTI-
VITIES.

3. THE TEXT OF THE CUSTOMS BUREAU CIRCULAR TO CUSTOMS
ADMINISTRATORS STATES (FREE TRANSLATION):

" CONSIDERING THAT THE LAW OF 27 DECEMBER 1970, WHICH
CREATED THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
AS PUBLISHED IN THE " DIARIO OFICIAL " ON 29 DECEMBER 1970,
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ARTICLE 21 ESTABLISHED THAT SAID NATIONAL COUNCIL WOULD BE

EXEMPT FROM ALL CONTRIBUTIONS, TAXES AND FISCAL REGULATIONS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENSURE THAT IMPORTATIONS AND EXPORTATIONS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED COUNCIL ARE FREE FROM ALL FISCAL CHARGES, WITHOUT THE NEED FOR INTERVENTION OF THIS DIRECTORATE FOR FREE ENTRY PERMITS.

" ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF 27 DECEMBER 1970 AND TO ARTICLE 234 OF THE CURRENT CUSTOMS CODE, THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS ARRANGEMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD:

1) THE IMPORTATION OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL WILL BE HANDLED ON A PRIORITY BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17 OF THE MENTIONED CODE.

2) IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO LIST TARIFFS OR QUOTAS IN APPLICATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO LIST QUANTITIES, DESCRIPTIONS AND USES OF THE ITEMS WHICH WILL ENABLE CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO NOTE DUTIES AND QUOTAS ON THE APPLICATIONS.

3) PROCESSING BY CUSTOMS OF THE IMPORTED ITEMS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL. THEY WILL BE LOCATED AT ENTRY POINTS TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTORATE.

4) IF, DURING THE PROCESSING OF IMPORT REQUESTS, PERMITS ARE LACKING FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND/OR FROM THE AGREEMENT WITH THE IMPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR, THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS, WITHOUT THE NEED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THIS DIRECTORATE, WILL AUTHORIZE A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS TO SATISFY THESE REQUIREMENTS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SHOULD THE PERIOD EXPIRE BEFORE SATISFYING THEM, THE DIRECTORATE WILL BE SO ADVISED.

" THE ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED IN POINTS ONE THROUGH FOUR OF THIS OFFICIAL CIRCULAR WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE FULLEST TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF ADVANCED ORGANISMS OF TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION SUPPORTED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED COUNCIL AND WHOSE NAMES WILL BE MADE KNOWN BY THIS OFFICE.

"IF, IN SPITE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED PROBLEMS BECOME APPARENT THAT DELAY THESE IMPORTS, THIS OFFICE WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY VIA THE UNCLASSIFIED

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